

### 3. Bedmond "Tin Church" Walk

3.3km (2 miles).

This is a short walk mainly through cornfields and is best taken in Spring or Summer. Parking is available at the recreation ground.

Take the signposted footpath opposite Serge Hill Lane and the Tin Church. When this opens out into a field turn half-right in the direction of the TV mast to a gap in the hedge. Continue across a cornfield to a kissing gate at the far end. Go through the gate and turn half-left across the field towards a kissing gate. Cross this and continue along a narrow path beside the "garden" of Hart Hall Farm to Hart Hall Lane.

Turn left along the lane for 400m, then turn left over a **stile**, again across another large cornfield with an old trough in the middle. At the far end go through a gap in the hedge and continue to a path enclosed by hedges to Toms Lane.

Turn left and take path on the right after 30m. Go through a kissing gate and at the bottom of the hill turn left onto Sheppey's Lane. Turn left again 250m along the lane, just before a newly planted woodland. Go past the site of Sheppey's Farm, uphill and half-right across playing fields to Meadow Way. Turn right into Toms Lane and back to the village centre.

*Nicholas Breakspear*, the only English Pope, was born at Breakspear Farm (now demolished) in about 1100. He was educated in France after being refused admission to St Albans Abbey, and was made a cardinal in 1146. He became Pope Adrian IV in 1154.

